



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:) GROUP ART UNIT: 1638
Yamamoto et al.)
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/075,375) EXAMINER: Russell Kallis
FILED: May 7, 1998) DATE: August 5, 2004
) CONFIRMATION NO.: 3584

TITLE: PLANT VDE GENES AND METHODS RELATED THERETO

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Office Action of June 3, 2004, the Examiner has rejected Claims 23 and 25 and objected to Claims 24 and 26. Applicants thank the Examiner for the very clear explanation of the bases for rejection and objection and ask that the following amendments be entered.